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Docket No.  
14234.70

Re Application Of: KRAM ET AL.

Application No. 10/718635	Filing Date 11/24/2003	Examiner MILLER, WILLIAM L.	Customer No. 27889	Group Art Unit 3679	Confirmation No. 1288
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Invention:

THREADED FASTENER FOR USE WITH MULTIPLE SUBSTRATES

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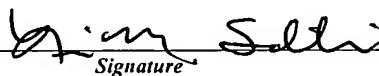
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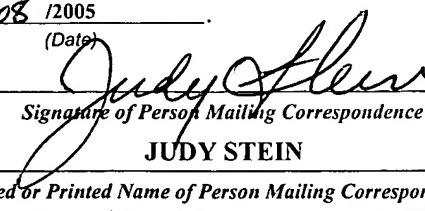
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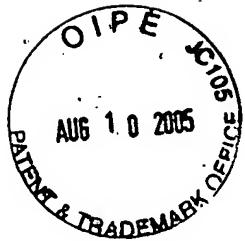
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It is requested that the Examiner give full consideration to the information identified on the attached Form PTO-1449, and make it of record in this application.

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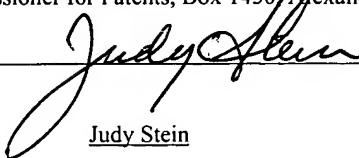
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